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Good afternoon, Ms. Rice,

I want to be on the record as strongly opposing oil and gas development in NPR-A. This is totally the wrong action to be taking at a time when global warming is already harming Alaska's people and ecosystems, and is on track to do even more harm in the future. Not only does the burning of fossil fuels contribute mightily to climate change, but oil and gas exploration and development do so as well--the fuel burned in equipment, the concrete poured, the flaring of gas. Not only that, but the birds that breed in the area don't need disruption of their important habitat. They have enough problems in their southern winter ranges and in migrating here--again, from climate change and loss of habitat. As a 73-year Alaska resident, I especially care about the effects in Alaska, but it behooves BLM, as a federal agency, to care about the effects on people all over the country who stand to lose as climate change worsens.

Sincerely,

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